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Why I Support the Church...

This past Sunday, Brittney Moran (formerly Munos) shared a testimony about why she gives to support the ministries of Central. Not only did we want to share her words here, it reminded me (Pastor Michael) about how one of the best gifts the church provides the world is that of preparing the next generation of Christ followers. Moreover, we should all go out of our way to encourage young families like Brittney and Trent in their raising of their daughter this way. For they really are raising the next generation of Christian believers. Thanks be to God...

As many of you know, I grew up here at Central. Some of my most treasured memories involve Central and the youth programs. I was involved in Sunday School, Wednesday Night Live, Youth Group, and the Children's Choir. I participated in worship as an Acolyte, an Usher, and a Deacon. I was given the opportunity to worship at Camp Walter Scott as a camper and now as a counselor. I cherish those memories as they helped mold me into the adult I am today. In 2018, I married my husband, Trent, here at Central Christian Church. We lived in Springfield at that time. We tried a few different churches in the area but none of them gave us the same sense of faith, family, and togetherness that we find here at Central in Decatur. In 2020, we were blessed with the birth of our daughter, Blair, and we soon realized that we wanted her to not only grow up with a strong faith background, but we wanted her to grow within the church as I did. We want Blair to be afforded the same opportunities to learn, pray, and create new relationships within the church as well. And for us, that church is Central Christian. We choose to give to Central to give Blair and the other youth in Decatur the opportunity to grow with Christ in a supportive and loving environment.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
IN-PERSON (SANCTUARY)
AT 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
AND LIVE STREAMED ON
WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG
AND FACEBOOK LIVE
AT 10:30 AM

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
IN-PERSON (GREAT HALL)
AND LIVE STREAMED ON
WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG
AND FACEBOOK LIVE
AT 9:15 AM

How Did We Get Here?

Text: Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Vicky Woolridge



Happy Birthday!! (10/24 - 10/30)!

Pat Ash, Ashley Swallow,
Shirley McKnelly, Luc Longcor,
Hannah Fitch, Colin Gannett,
Nancy Turner, Pearl Jones,
Doris Matey

Central Concert Series!

Save the dates!

All concerts will be held
in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, Oct 24, 2021

Millikin University fall concerts

4 p.m. – Millikin Women and
Collegiate Chorale

6 p.m. – Millikin Men and
University Choir

Monday, Nov. 22, 2021, 7 p.m.

Decatur Youth Symphony
Orchestra concert

Friday, Dec. 24, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Harp concert
Julia Jamieson, harpist
Followed by 7 p.m.
Christmas Eve worship

Friday, Dec. 31, 2021, 7 p.m.

New Years' Eve organ concert
with silent movie
Andrew Peters, organist

Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Millikin University Collegiate
Chorale tour finale concert

Friday, March 25, 2022, 7 p.m.

Piano and organ concert
Herb Buffington, organist, and
Randy Frieling, pianist

Sunday, April 3, 2022, 2 p.m.

Vocal concert
Troy Castle, baritone, with
Pei-I Wang, pianist

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Millikin University Spring Concerts

2 p.m. – Mothers and Mentors
concert, Millikin Women

6 p.m. – Spring Sing, University
Choir, Collegiate Chorale,
Millikin Men

Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Opus 24 Spring choral concert

"A Word of Glory"

This Sunday is our annual Consecration Sunday - the time of year we consider how we can support the church's ministries in the coming year with our own personal offerings. Specifically, we ask one another to consider turning in an Estimate of Giving card which allows us to prepare a church budget for 2022. During worship on Consecration Day, we ask God to bless and make holy the Estimate of Giving cards we have received. For this reason, it is quite appropriate that the choir will be singing, for the anthem at the 10:30 service, a setting of the Old Hundredth Psalm Tune.

The Old Hundredth is based— not surprisingly – on Psalm 100. In the 1560s, it was set to a melody that is still quite familiar to us (in fact, that melody can be found in our Chalice Hymnal as #18 - "All People that on Earth do Dwell"). The particular setting of the Old Hundredth the choir will offer this Sunday was composed for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953! We, the congregation, will even have the chance to sing along with the choir during the anthem.



The Old Hundredth is a "doxology" of sorts. The word "doxology" comes from two Greek words, meaning "word" and "glory." Thus a doxology is a "word of glory" (a word of praise and thanksgiving) offered to God. The words of Psalm 100 (and sung in the Old Hundredth) reveal **why** it is that we should give glory to God; **why** we should offer praise and thanksgiving to God. According to the anthem, all people on earth are to "sing," "praise," "rejoice" and "serve," because God made us, feeds us and shepherds us. And because God's goodness and mercy will endure forever.

I find it quite fitting that the Old Hundredth will play a role in our Consecration Day service this year. For even though things like the filling-in Estimate of Giving cards, preparing budgets and making future plans can seem more mechanical than spiritual, even these base and rudimentary practices are ways of acknowledging that God made us, God feeds us, God shepherds us and that we trust and believe God's goodness and mercy to endure forever. We may not always think of the offerings we give as "doxologies," or expressions of praise and thanksgiving. But they really are – and the Old Hundredth helps us see them in this light.

Blessings, Michael

Room Number Changes after Elevator Renovation

During elevator renovation, the floors and corresponding buttons within the elevator were changed. In order to reduce confusion between the elevator labeling and the rooms, we have relabeled our rooms to match the elevator floors. 1R & Ground remain the same. Sanctuary level is now the 2nd floor. Rooms formerly labeled 220-290 need to press 3R to be accessed, so they are now Rooms 320-390. Rooms labeled 207-218 need to press 4 to be accessed, so they are now Rooms 407-418. Thank you for your patience with this maintenance.



3D Meals Return on November 10th

Reservations must be in by Thursday Nov 4!

Entertainment or a game will be at 11:30, lunch at 12:00.

Gail and her crew look forward to gathering together.

We promise good food and fellowship.

Menu:

Ham Loaf
Loaded Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Pretzel Salad
Pumpkin Bars
Rolls



Food Collection for November



Let's fill the shopping cart for Northeast Community Fund with the following: cereal, canned meats, food & snacks with pull-ring lids. A particular need is food in easy open containers & no heat or stove needed. Thanks!



Nursery Attendant

Part time, 15-20 hours per month

Care needed during Sunday morning
services, 7:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Nursery ages Newborn - 5 years old

Send resume and cover letter to
central@cccdisciples.org or mail to
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650 W. William St.
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Sunday (24)

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
& Facebook Live & Live Stream
9:15-Ecclesia Sunday School, 412
10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
& Facebook Live & Live Stream
4:00-Youth Group
4:00-Millikin Fall Concert
6:00-Millikin Fall Concert

Monday (25)

5:15-Preschool Board, Connection Café
6:00-Pastoral Support Committee, 401
6:00-Financial Peace University, 412
6:30-Real Life Real Families, Friendship C.

Tuesday (26)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 407
5:30-Concert Series Committee, Disc. Rm.

Wednesday (27)

10:00-Ministers' Meeting
5:30-Worship Committee, Conn. Café

Thursday (28)

10:00-Alanon, Disciples Room
4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
5:00-Christian Education Committee, 340
6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples Room
7:00-Choir, Choir Room

Friday (29)

Saturday (30)

Sunday (31)

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
& Facebook Live & Live Stream
9:15-Ecclesia Sunday School, 412
10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
& Facebook Live & Live Stream



Counting On You

Sunday, October 17, 2021

Total worshipping online = 112

Total worshipping in-person = 225



Serving Schedule — Sunday, October 24, 2021

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - David Wagner & David York

9:15 - David Wagner

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 3 - Dennis Downey, Capt., Jim & Pamela
Bednar

10:30 - Team 8 - Mike Munos

Greeters:

8:00 - Ed & Joy Adams

10:30 - Jean & Jud Pease

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Jim Bednar

10:30 - Keith Backes

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Hannah Brimmer Social Media Coordinator
Bri Lockwood Nursery Attendant
Carlee Phillips Nursery Attendant
Kattina Williams Nursery Attendant
Lora Wright Lead Caretaker
Jim Denzer Caretaker
Andrew Evans Caretaker
Toby Jones Caretaker



Wed., Nov 10, 2021
4:30pm -7pm
Good Samaritan Inn

- \$5 dinner
- Family-Friendly
- Live Music
- Artisan Bowls
- Good Sam Gear
- Dine-In or Carry-Out
- Pre-Order or Pay In-Person
- Guided Tours
- 50/50 Raffle & Games

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You will see a list of options pop up.

Find the option marked "follow" and click on that.



Prayer Request Text-In!

Have a prayer request? Text "PRAY" (all caps) to 217-212-2173, or use the QR code to the left. We would love to pray with you and follow up, if you wish.

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